

Comparison of
Proposed Amended Version to Current

**NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 44-102
SHELF DISTRIBUTIONS**

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PART 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

(1) In this Instrument

"acting jointly or in concert" has the meaning ascribed to that phrase in securities legislation;

"at-the-market distribution" means a non-fixed price distribution of equity securities under the shelf procedures into a pre-existing trading market in which securities of the same class are traded;

"base shelf prospectus" means a short form prospectus that is prepared in the form required under ~~National Instrument 44-101 Short Form Prospectus Distributions~~, **NI 44-101**, as varied in accordance with this Instrument;

"clearing corporation" has the meaning ascribed to that term in National Instrument 81-102 *Mutual Funds*;

"conventional convertible security" means a security of an issuer that is, according to its terms, convertible into, or exchangeable for, other securities of the issuer, or of an affiliate of the issuer;

"conventional warrant or right" means a security of an issuer, other than a clearing corporation, that gives the holder the right to purchase securities of the issuer or of an affiliate of the issuer;

"index participation unit" means a security traded on a stock exchange in Canada or the United States and issued by an issuer the only purpose of which is to

(a) hold the securities that are included in a specified widely quoted market index in substantially the same proportion as those securities are reflected in the index; or

(b) invest in a manner that causes the issuer to replicate the performance of that index;

"method 1" means the method described in Appendix A of providing forward looking prospectus certificates in a base shelf prospectus or in a shelf prospectus supplement that establishes an MTN program or continuous distribution;

"method 2" means the method described in Appendix B of providing non-forward looking prospectus certificates in a base shelf prospectus and a shelf prospectus supplement;

"MTN program" means a continuous distribution of debt securities in which the specific variable terms of the individual debt securities and the method of distribution of those securities are determined at the time of the distribution;

"NI 44-101" means National Instrument 44-101 Short Form Prospectus Distributions;

"novel" means,

- (a) for a specified derivative proposed to be distributed using the shelf procedures
 - (i) a derivative of a type that has not been distributed by way of prospectus in at least one jurisdiction before the proposed distribution, or
 - (ii) a derivative of a type that has been distributed by way of prospectus in at least one jurisdiction before the proposed distribution, but
 - (A) the attributes of the derivative differ materially from the attributes of derivatives of the same type previously distributed by way of prospectus,
 - (B) the structure and contractual arrangements underlying the derivative differ materially from the structure and contractual arrangements underlying derivatives of the same type previously distributed by way of prospectus, or
 - (C) the type of the underlying interest for the derivative differs materially from the type of underlying interest for derivatives of the same type previously distributed by way of prospectus, and
- (b) for an asset-backed security proposed to be distributed using the shelf procedures
 - (i) a security of a type that has not been distributed by way of prospectus in at least one jurisdiction before the proposed distribution, or

- (ii) a security of a type that has been distributed by way of prospectus in at least one jurisdiction before the proposed distribution, but
 - (A) the attributes of the security differ materially from the attributes of securities of the same type previously distributed by way of prospectus,
 - (B) the structure and contractual arrangements underlying the security differ materially from the structure and contractual arrangements underlying securities of the same type previously distributed by way of prospectus, or
 - (C) the type of financial assets servicing the security differ materially from the type of financial assets servicing securities of the same type previously distributed by way of prospectus;

"pricing supplement" means a shelf prospectus supplement that contains the price of securities distributed under an MTN program or other continuous distribution using the shelf procedures;

"shelf information" means the information permitted by this Instrument to be omitted from a base shelf prospectus;

"shelf procedures" means the requirements in this Instrument for the distribution of securities under a base shelf prospectus and a shelf prospectus supplement;

"shelf prospectus supplement" means a supplement to a base shelf prospectus, containing some or all of the information omitted from the base shelf prospectus as permitted by this Instrument;

~~"special warrant" means a security that, by its terms or the terms of an accompanying contractual obligation, entitles or requires the holder to acquire another security without payment of material additional consideration and obliges the issuer of the special warrant or the other security to undertake efforts to file a prospectus to qualify the distribution of the other security;~~

"specified derivative" means an instrument, agreement or security, the market price, value or payment obligations of which are derived from, referenced to, or based on an underlying interest, other than one that is also

- (a) a conventional convertible security,
- (b) a specified asset-backed security,

- (c) an index participation unit,
- (d) a government or corporate strip bond,
- (e) a capital, equity dividend or income share of a subdivided equity or fixed income security,
- (f) a conventional warrant or right, or
- (g) a special warrant; and

"stabilization provisions" means those provisions of securities legislation that prohibit an issuer, selling securityholder, underwriter or dealer, or an affiliate of any of the foregoing persons or companies, or any person or company acting jointly or in concert with any of them from trading in securities being distributed by way of prospectus during the period of distribution.

- (2) All terms defined in ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101 and used, but not defined, in this Instrument have the respective meanings ascribed to them in ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101.

1.2 Amendments - References in this Instrument, other than in Appendix A and Appendix B, to an amendment to a prospectus include both an amendment that does not fully restate the text of a prospectus and an amended and restated prospectus.

1.3 Market Value Calculation - For the purposes of this Instrument, the aggregate market value of an issuer's equity securities on a date shall be calculated in accordance with section ~~2.9~~2.8 of ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101.

PART 2 SHELF QUALIFICATION AND PERIOD OF RECEIPT EFFECTIVENESS

2.1 General - An issuer shall not file a short form prospectus that is a base shelf prospectus, unless the issuer is qualified to do so under this Instrument or has been exempted from this section under section 11.1.

2.2 Shelf Qualification for Distributions Qualified under Section 2.2 (Basic Qualification) ~~or 2.8 (Following a Reorganization) of National Instrument of NI 44-101~~

- (1) An issuer is qualified to file a preliminary short form prospectus that is a preliminary base shelf prospectus if, at the time of filing, the issuer is qualified under section 2.2 ~~or 2.8~~ of ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101 to file a prospectus in the form of a short form prospectus.
- (2) An issuer that has filed a preliminary base shelf prospectus in reliance on the qualification criteria in subsection (1) is qualified to file a short form prospectus that is the corresponding base shelf prospectus.

- (3) A receipt issued for a base shelf prospectus of an issuer qualified under subsection (2) is effective until the earliest of
- (a) the date 25 months from the date of its issue;
 - (b) the time immediately before the entering into of an agreement of purchase and sale for a security to be sold under the base shelf prospectus, if at that time
 - (i) the issuer does not have current annual financial statements and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;
 - (ii) ~~(i) the issuer does not have a current AIF, or~~ **and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;**
 - (iii) ~~(ii) the aggregate market value of the issuer's equity securities, listed and posted for trading on an exchange in Canada, has not been \$75,000,000 or more on a date within 60 days before the date of the agreement~~ ***[for Alternative B] the issuer's equity securities are not listed or posted for trading on a short form eligible exchange or the issuer is an issuer (A) whose operations have ceased, or (B) whose principal asset is cash, cash equivalents, or its exchange listing;*** or
 - (iv) the issuer has withdrawn its notice declaring the issuer's intention to be qualified to file a short form prospectus under NI 44-101; and
 - (c) the lapse date, if any, prescribed by securities legislation, if relief has not been granted to the issuer extending the lapse date for the distribution.

2.3 [Shelf Qualification for Distributions Qualified under Section 2.3 of National Instrument ~~NI 44-101~~ (Substantial Issuers) *[NTD: not necessary for Alternative B]*

- (1) An issuer is qualified to file a preliminary short form prospectus that is a preliminary base shelf prospectus if, at the time of filing, the issuer is qualified under section 2.3 of ~~National Instrument~~ **NI 44-101** to file a prospectus in the form of a short form prospectus.
- (2) An issuer that has filed a preliminary base shelf prospectus in reliance on subsection (1) is qualified to file a short form prospectus that is the corresponding base shelf prospectus.

- (3) A receipt issued for a base shelf prospectus of an issuer qualified under subsection (2) is effective until the earliest of
- (a) the date 25 months from the date of its issue;
 - (b) the time immediately before the entering into of an agreement of purchase and sale for a security to be sold under the base shelf prospectus, if at that time
 - (i) the issuer does not have current annual financial statements and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;
 - (ii) ~~(i) the issuer does not have a current AIF, or~~ **and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;**
 - (iii) ~~(ii) the aggregate market value of the issuer's equity securities, listed and posted for trading on an exchange in Canada, has not been \$300,000,000 or more on a date within 60 days before the date of the agreement; or~~
 - (iv) the issuer has withdrawn its notice declaring the issuer's intention to be qualified to file a short form prospectus under NI 44-101; and
 - (c) the lapse date, if any, prescribed by securities legislation, if relief has not been granted to the issuer extending the lapse date for the distribution.]

2.4 Shelf Qualification for Distributions Qualified under Section 2.4 [2.3] of National Instrument NI 44-101 (Approved Rating Non-Convertible Securities)

- (1) An issuer is qualified to file a preliminary short form prospectus that is a preliminary base shelf prospectus for approved rating non-convertible securities if, at the time of filing, the issuer
- (a) is qualified under section 2.4 [2.3] of NI 44-101 to file a prospectus in the form of a short form prospectus; and
 - (b) ~~(1) An issuer is qualified to file a preliminary short form prospectus that is a preliminary base shelf prospectus for approved rating non-convertible securities if, at the time of filing, the issuer has reasonable grounds for believing that, if it were to distribute securities under the base shelf prospectus, the securities distributed would receive an approved rating and would not receive a rating lower than an approved rating from any approved rating organization.~~

- (2) An issuer that has filed a preliminary base shelf prospectus in reliance on the qualification criteria in subsection (1) is qualified to file a short form prospectus that is the corresponding base shelf prospectus if, at the time of the filing of the base shelf prospectus, the issuer has reasonable grounds for believing that, if it were to distribute non-convertible securities under the base shelf prospectus, the securities distributed would receive an approved rating and would not receive a rating lower than an approved rating from any approved rating organization.
- (3) A receipt issued for a base shelf prospectus of an issuer filed under subsection (2) is effective until the earliest of
- (a) the date 25 months from the date of its issue;
 - (b) the time immediately before the entering into of an agreement of purchase and sale for a security to be sold under the base shelf prospectus, if at that time
 - (i) the issuer does not have a ~~current AIF~~, **current annual financial statements and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;**
 - (ii) **the issuer does not have a current AIF and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;**
 - (iii) **the issuer has withdrawn its notice declaring the issuer's intention to be qualified to file a short form prospectus under NI 44-101; or**
 - (iv) ~~(ii)~~ the securities to which the agreement relates
 - (A) have not received a final approved rating,
 - (B) are the subject of an announcement by an approved rating organization of which the issuer is or ought to be aware that the approved rating given by the organization may be down-graded to a rating category that would not be an approved rating, or
 - (C) have received a provisional or final rating lower than an approved rating from any approved rating organization; and
 - (c) the lapse date, if any, prescribed by securities legislation, if relief has not been granted to the issuer extending the lapse date for the distribution.

2.5 Shelf Qualification for Distributions made under Section 2.5 ~~[2.4]~~ of National Instrument NI 44-101 (Guaranteed Non-Convertible Debt Securities, Preferred Shares and Cash Settled Derivatives)

- (1) An issuer is qualified to file a short form prospectus that is a preliminary base shelf prospectus for non-convertible debt securities, non-convertible preferred shares or non-convertible cash settled derivatives if, at the time of filing, the issuer is qualified under section 2.5 ~~[2.4]~~ of National Instrument NI 44-101 to file a prospectus in the form of a short form prospectus.
- (2) An issuer that has filed a preliminary base shelf prospectus in reliance on subsection (1) is qualified to file a short form prospectus that is the corresponding base shelf prospectus.
- (3) A receipt issued for a base shelf prospectus of an issuer qualified under subsection (2) is effective until the earliest of
 - (a) the date 25 months from the date of its issue;
 - (b) the time immediately before the entering into of an agreement of purchase and sale for a security to be sold under the base shelf prospectus, if at that time
 - (i) ~~a person or company~~**credit supporter** has not provided a ~~guarantee or alternative~~**full and unconditional** credit support for the securities to which the shelf prospectus supplement relates ~~that satisfies the criteria in paragraph 1 of subsection 2.5(1) of National Instrument 44-101;~~
 - (ii) ~~the credit supporter referred to in subparagraph (i)~~**unless the requirements of subparagraph 2.5(1)2(c) [2.4(1)2(b)] of NI 44-101, but not the requirements of subparagraphs [subparagraph] 2.5(1)2(a) or (b) [2.4(1)2(a)] of NI 44-101, were satisfied at the time the issuer filed its base shelf prospectus, the credit supporter does not have current annual financial statements and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;**
 - (A) ~~is not a reporting issuer, or~~
 - (B) ~~does not have a current AIF, or~~
 - (iii) **unless the requirements of subparagraph 2.5(1)2(c) [2.4(1)2(b)] of NI 44-101, but not the requirements of subparagraphs [subparagraph] 2.5(1)2(a) or (b) [2.4(1)2(a)] of NI 44-101, were satisfied at the time the issuer filed its base shelf prospectus, the credit supporter does not have a**

current AIF and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;

(iv) the credit supporter has withdrawn its notice declaring its intention to be qualified to file a short form prospectus under NI 44-101;

(v) the issuer has withdrawn its notice declaring the issuer's intention to be qualified to file a short form prospectus under NI 44-101; or

(vi) (iii)–the aggregate market value of the equity securities of the credit supporter referred to in subparagraph (i), listed and posted for trading on an exchange in Canada, has not been \$75,000,000 or more on a date within 60 days before the date of the agreement [[for Alternative B] the credit supporter's equity securities are not listed or posted for trading on a short form eligible exchange or the credit supporter is an issuer (A) whose operations have ceased, or (B) whose principal asset is cash, cash equivalents, or its exchange listing], and either of the following are true:

(A) 1. The~~the~~ credit supporter does not have issued and outstanding non-convertible securities that

(I) ~~(A)~~–have received an approved rating,

(II) ~~(B)~~—have not been the subject of an announcement by an approved rating organization of which the issuer is or ought to be aware that the approved rating given by the organization may be down-graded to a rating category that would not be an approved rating, and

(III) ~~(C)~~–have not received a rating lower than an approved rating from any approved rating organization, or

(B) 2. The~~the~~ securities to which the agreement relates

(I) ~~(A)~~–have not received a final approved rating,

(II) ~~(B)~~–have been the subject of an announcement by an approved rating organization of which the issuer is or ought to be aware that the approved rating given by the organization may be down-

graded to a rating category that would not be an approved rating, and

(III) ~~(C)~~—have received a provisional or final rating lower than an approved rating from any approved rating organization; and

(c) the lapse date, if any, prescribed by securities legislation, if relief has not been granted to the issuer extending the lapse date for the distribution.

2.6 Shelf Qualification for Distributions made under Section 2.6 ~~[2.5]~~ of National Instrument NI 44-101 (Guaranteed Convertible Debt Securities or Preferred Shares)

- (1) An issuer is qualified to file a short form prospectus that is a preliminary base shelf prospectus for convertible debt securities and convertible preferred shares if, at the time of filing, the issuer is qualified under section 2.6 ~~[2.5]~~ of National Instrument NI 44-101 to file a prospectus in the form of a short form prospectus.
- (2) An issuer that has filed a preliminary base shelf prospectus in reliance on subsection (1) is qualified to file a short form prospectus that is the corresponding base shelf prospectus.
- (3) A receipt issued for a base shelf prospectus qualified under subsection (2) is effective until the earliest of
 - (a) the date 25 months from the date of its issue;
 - (b) the time immediately before the entering into of an agreement of purchase and sale for a security to be sold under the base shelf prospectus, if at that time
 - (i) ~~the issuer of the securities into which the securities to which the agreement relates are~~ **not convertible into securities of a credit supporter that has not provided a guarantee or alternative credit support that satisfies the criteria in subsection 2.6 (1) of National Instrument 44-101, provided full and unconditional credit support for the securities being distributed;**
 - (ii) ~~the credit supporter referred to in subparagraph (i)~~ **does not have current annual financial statements and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;**

~~(A)~~— is not a reporting issuer,

- (iii) ~~(B)~~ **the credit supporter** does not have a current AIF, ~~or~~ **and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;**
 - (iv) ~~(C)~~ does not have **the aggregate market value of the credit supporter's** equity securities, listed and posted for trading on an exchange in Canada, the aggregate market value of which has **not** been \$75,000,000 or more on a date within 60 days before the date of the agreement **[[for Alternative B] the credit supporter's equity securities are not listed or posted for trading on a short form eligible exchange or the issuer is an issuer (A) whose operations have ceased, or (B) whose principal asset is cash, cash equivalents, or its exchange listing];**
 - (v) **the credit supporter has withdrawn its notice declaring the credit supporter's intention to be qualified to file a short form prospectus under NI 44-101; or**
 - (vi) **the issuer has withdrawn its notice declaring the issuer's intention to be qualified to file a short form prospectus under NI 44-101;** and
- (c) the lapse date, if any, prescribed by securities legislation, if relief has not been granted to the issuer extending the lapse date for the distribution.

2.7 Shelf Qualification for Distributions made under Section 2.7 [2.6] of National Instrument NI 44-101 (Asset-Backed Securities)

- (1) An issuer **that is** qualified under section 2.7 [2.6] of National Instrument NI 44-101 to file a prospectus in the form of a short form prospectus may file a preliminary base shelf prospectus for asset-backed securities if, at the time of filing, the issuer has reasonable grounds for believing that
 - (a) all asset-backed securities that it may distribute under the base shelf prospectus will receive an approved rating; and
 - (b) no asset-backed securities that it may distribute under the base shelf prospectus will receive a rating lower than an approved rating from any approved rating organization.
- (2) An issuer that has filed a preliminary base shelf prospectus in reliance on the qualification criteria in section 2.7 [2.6] of National Instrument NI 44-101 may file the corresponding base shelf prospectus if, at the time of the filing of the base shelf prospectus, the issuer has reasonable grounds for believing that

- (a) all asset-backed securities that it may distribute under the base shelf prospectus will receive an approved rating; and
 - (b) no asset-backed securities that it may distribute under the base shelf prospectus will receive a rating lower than an approved rating from any approved rating organization.
- (3) A receipt issued for a base shelf prospectus qualified under subsection (2) is effective for a distribution of asset-backed securities until the earliest of
- (a) the date 25 months from the date of its issue;
 - (b) the time immediately before the entering into of an agreement of purchase and sale for an asset-backed security to be sold under the base shelf prospectus, unless at that time
 - (i) **the issuer does not have current annual financial statements and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101;**
 - (ii) **the issuer does not have a current AIF and does not satisfy the requirements of the exemption in either of subsections 2.9(1) or (2) of NI 44-101; or**
 - (iii) the asset-backed securities to which the agreement relates
 - (A) ~~(i)~~-have not received a final approved rating,
 - (B) ~~(ii)~~-have been the subject of an announcement by an approved rating organization of which the issuer is or ought reasonably to be aware that the approved rating given by the organization may be down-graded to a rating category that would not be an approved rating, or
 - (C) ~~(iii)~~-have received a provisional or final rating lower than an approved rating from any approved rating organization; and
 - (c) the lapse date, if any, prescribed by securities legislation, if relief has not been granted to the issuer extending the lapse date for the distribution.

- 2.8 Lapse Date - Ontario** - In Ontario, the lapse date prescribed by securities legislation for a receipt issued for a base shelf prospectus is extended to the date 25 months from the date of issuance of the receipt.
- 2.9 Lapse Date - Alberta** - In Alberta, the lapse date prescribed by securities legislation for a receipt issued for a base shelf prospectus is the date 25 months from the date of the issuance of the receipt.
- 2.10 Prohibited Offerings** - Despite any provision in this Instrument, the shelf procedures shall not be used for a distribution of rights under a rights offering.

PART 3 UNALLOCATED SHELF

- 3.1 Unallocated Shelf Permitted** - A base shelf prospectus may pertain to more than one type of security for which the issuer is qualified to file a prospectus in the form of a short form prospectus.
- 3.2 Distributions of Equity Securities Under Unallocated Shelf** - An issuer or selling security holder that forms a reasonable expectation that a distribution of a tranche of equity securities will proceed under a base shelf prospectus that is not specifically restricted to equity securities shall immediately issue a news release that announces the intention to proceed with the distribution.

PART 4 DISTRIBUTIONS OF NOVEL DERIVATIVES OR ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES UNDER SHELF

- 4.1 Distributions of Novel Derivatives or Asset-Backed Securities Under Shelf**
- (1) If a base shelf prospectus pertains to specified derivatives or asset-backed securities, the issuer or the selling security holder, as the case may be, shall file before or concurrently with the base shelf prospectus an undertaking that it will not distribute in the local jurisdiction under the base shelf prospectus specified derivatives or asset-backed securities, as the case may be, ~~in the local jurisdiction~~ that, at the time of distribution, are novel without pre-clearing with the regulator in accordance with subsection (2) the disclosure to be contained in a shelf prospectus supplement pertaining to the distribution of the novel specified derivatives or asset-backed securities.
- (2) The undertaking referred to in subsection (1) shall state that the issuer or the selling security holder, as the case may be, shall not distribute in the local jurisdiction specified derivatives or asset-backed securities ~~in the local jurisdiction~~ that, at the time of distribution, are novel, unless
- (a) the draft shelf prospectus supplement or, if more than one shelf prospectus supplement is to be used, the draft shelf prospectus supplements, pertaining to the distribution of the novel specified

derivatives or asset-backed securities have been delivered to the regulator in substantially final form; and

- (b) either
 - (i) the regulator has confirmed his or her acceptance of each draft shelf prospectus supplement in substantially final form or each shelf prospectus supplement in final form, or
 - (ii) 21 days have elapsed since the date of delivery to the regulator of each draft shelf prospectus supplement in substantially final form and the regulator has not provided written comments on the draft shelf prospectus supplement.

PART 5 BASE SHELF PROSPECTUSES

5.1 Opting out of the Shelf Procedures After a Preliminary Prospectus has been Received - An issuer that has filed a preliminary base shelf prospectus shall not file a short form prospectus **for the distribution** that is not a base shelf prospectus unless the issuer files

- (a) either
 - (i) an amended preliminary short form prospectus in accordance with ~~National Instrument~~**NI** 44-101 that is not a preliminary base shelf prospectus, or
 - (ii) a new preliminary short form prospectus that is not a preliminary base shelf prospectus; and
- (b) a covering letter stating that the issuer or the selling security holder, as the case may be, has decided not to use the shelf procedures for the distribution.

5.2 Opting into the Shelf Procedures After a Preliminary Prospectus has been Received - An issuer that has filed a preliminary short form prospectus that is not a preliminary base shelf prospectus shall not file a base shelf prospectus for the distribution unless the issuer files

- (a) either
 - (i) an amended preliminary base shelf prospectus in accordance with this Instrument, or
 - (ii) a new preliminary short form prospectus that is a preliminary base shelf prospectus in accordance with this Instrument; and
- (b) a covering letter stating that the issuer or the selling securityholder, as the case may be, has decided to use the shelf procedures for the distribution.

- 5.3 Form of Base Shelf Prospectus** - Despite ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101, a short form prospectus that is a base shelf prospectus may vary from Form 44-101F3 ~~44-101F1~~ to the extent required or permitted by this Instrument.
- 5.4 Dollar Value of Securities**- A base shelf prospectus shall pertain to no more than the dollar value of securities that the ~~person or company~~issuer or selling securityholder proposing to distribute securities under the base shelf prospectus reasonably expects, at the time the base shelf prospectus is filed, to distribute within 25 months after the date of the receipt for the base shelf prospectus.
- 5.5 Required Disclosure** - A base shelf prospectus shall contain the following:
1. A statement at the top of the cover page identifying the short form prospectus as a base shelf prospectus.
 2. The following statement in red ink in *italics* on the cover page:

"This short form prospectus has been filed under legislation in [insert name[s] of the jurisdiction[s] where qualified] that permits certain information about these securities to be determined after this prospectus has become final and that permits the omission from this prospectus of that information. The legislation requires the delivery to purchasers of a prospectus supplement containing the omitted information within a specified period of time after agreeing to purchase any of these securities."
 3. A statement that all shelf information omitted from the base shelf prospectus will be contained in one or more shelf prospectus supplements that will be delivered to purchasers together with the base shelf prospectus.
 4. A statement that each shelf prospectus supplement will be incorporated by reference into the base shelf prospectus for the purposes of securities legislation as of the date of the shelf prospectus supplement and only for the purposes of the distribution of the securities to which the shelf prospectus supplement pertains.
 5. A statement of the aggregate dollar amount of securities that may be raised under the base shelf prospectus.
 6. Disclosure of the types of securities that may be distributed under the base shelf prospectus.
 7. If an undertaking is required to be filed under subsection 4.1(1), a statement that the issuer or the selling security holder, as the case may be, has filed an undertaking that it will not distribute specified derivatives or asset-backed securities, as the case may be, that, at the time of distribution, are novel without pre-clearing with the regulator the disclosure to be contained in the

shelf prospectus supplement pertaining to the distribution of the novel specified derivatives or asset-backed securities.

8. The prospectus certificates prescribed by
 - (a) method 1, if
 - (i) the base shelf prospectus is being used to establish an MTN program or other continuous distribution, or
 - (ii) method 2 has not been elected; or
 - (b) method 2, if method 2 has been elected.

5.6 Disclosure that may be Omitted - If the specified circumstances exist, a base shelf prospectus may omit the following information:

1. The variable terms of the securities that may be distributed under the base shelf prospectus, if not known on the date the base shelf prospectus is filed.
2. The dollar amount, size and other specific terms of each tranche of securities that may be distributed under the base shelf prospectus, if not known on the date the base shelf prospectus is filed.
3. The variable terms of the plans of distribution for the securities that may be distributed under the base shelf prospectus, if not known on the date the base shelf prospectus is filed.
4. The name and prospectus certificate of an underwriter if, at the time of the filing of the base shelf prospectus, no underwriter is, and it is not known to the issuer that a particular underwriter will be, in a contractual relationship with the issuer or selling security holder requiring the underwriter to distribute under the base shelf prospectus.
5. If one or more underwriters have agreed to purchase the securities to be distributed under the base shelf prospectus at a specified price, the statement required under Form 44-101F31 that the securities are to be taken up by the underwriters, if at all, on or before a specified date.
6. If the securities to be distributed under the base shelf prospectus are underwritten on a best efforts basis for which a minimum amount of funds are required by an issuer, the disclosure required under Form 44-101F31 concerning the maximum length of time for which the distribution may continue and concerning the disposition of subscription funds.
7. Any other information that pertains only to a specific distribution of securities under the base shelf prospectus, if not known on the date the base shelf prospectus is filed.

8. Any other information required under ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101 or other securities legislation that is not known and cannot be ascertained at the time of filing of the base shelf prospectus.

5.7 Issue of Receipt - Despite the omission of shelf information, the regulator may issue a receipt for a base shelf prospectus.

5.8 Amendments - If a material change occurs at a time when no securities are being distributed under a base shelf prospectus, the provisions of securities legislation that require the filing of an amendment to a prospectus if a material change occurs are satisfied by

- (a) the filing of a material change report; and
- (b) the incorporation by reference in the base shelf prospectus of the material change report.

PART 6 SHELF PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENTS

6.1 Requirement to Use Shelf Prospectus Supplements - An issuer or selling security holder that distributes securities under a base shelf prospectus shall supplement the disclosure in the base shelf prospectus with a shelf prospectus supplement, or more than one shelf prospectus supplement, in order for the prospectus to contain full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities distributed under the prospectus: **and, in Québec, to contain no misrepresentation that is likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed.**

6.2 Incorporation by Reference

- (1) An issuer shall incorporate by reference in the corresponding base shelf prospectus, by means of a statement in the base shelf prospectus, each shelf prospectus supplement referred to in section 6.1 as of the date of the shelf prospectus supplement and only for purposes of the distribution to which the shelf prospectus supplement pertains.
- (2) If an issuer does not incorporate by reference in a base shelf prospectus a shelf prospectus supplement required to be incorporated by reference under subsection (1), the shelf prospectus supplement is conclusively deemed for purposes of securities legislation to be incorporated by reference in the issuer's base shelf prospectus as of the date of the shelf prospectus supplement and only for purposes of the distribution to which the shelf prospectus supplement pertains.

6.3 Shelf Prospectus Supplement Disclosure

- (1) A shelf prospectus supplement shall contain the following:
 - 1. The name of the issuer on the cover page.

2. The dates of the corresponding base shelf prospectus and of each previously filed shelf prospectus supplement corresponding to the same base shelf prospectus and pertaining to the same distribution, on the cover page.
 3. The prospectus certificates prescribed by
 - (a) method 1, if the shelf prospectus supplement establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution; or
 - (b) method 2, if the prospectus certificates prescribed by method 1 have not been included in the corresponding base shelf prospectus and if method 1 is not mandatory under paragraph (a).
 4. A list of each document that is incorporated by reference into the corresponding base shelf prospectus as of the date of the shelf prospectus supplement and provides disclosure pertaining to the securities being distributed under the shelf prospectus supplement.
- (2) If only one shelf prospectus supplement is used to supplement the disclosure in the corresponding base shelf prospectus pertaining to a distribution of securities, that shelf prospectus supplement shall contain the following, and if more than one shelf prospectus supplement is used to supplement the disclosure in the corresponding base shelf prospectus pertaining to a distribution of securities, the shelf prospectus supplements used shall, together, contain the following:
1. All of the shelf information pertaining to the distribution of securities that was not disclosed in the corresponding base shelf prospectus.
 2. All material facts relating to the securities to be distributed and all other information required under securities legislation to be disclosed in a short form prospectus that is not disclosed, either directly or through incorporation by reference, in the corresponding base shelf prospectus.

6.4 Filing Requirement For Shelf Prospectus Supplements

- (1) ~~A shelf prospectus supplement shall be filed in the local jurisdiction if a base shelf prospectus which the shelf prospectus supplement pertains was filed in the local jurisdiction.~~ **A shelf prospectus supplement shall be filed in the local jurisdictions in which securities are distributed using the shelf prospectus supplement.**
- (2) A shelf prospectus supplement that is required to be filed under subsection (1) shall be filed,

- (a) if the shelf prospectus supplement pertains to a distribution of securities, other than an MTN program or other continuous distribution, on or before the earlier of
 - (i) the date the shelf prospectus supplement was first sent or delivered to a purchaser or a prospective purchaser, and
 - (ii) the date two business days after the offering price of the securities to which it pertains is determined; or
- (b) in all other circumstances, on or before the date two business days after the date the shelf prospectus supplement was first sent or delivered to a purchaser or a prospective purchaser.

6.5 Underwriters' Conflicts of Interest - For a distribution of securities under a base shelf prospectus, the provisions of ~~securities legislation that regulate conflicts of interest in connection with a distribution of securities of a registrant, a connected issuer of a registrant or a related issuer of a registrant~~**National Instrument 33-105 Underwriting Conflicts and, in Québec, the applicable securities legislation,**

- (a) concerning the participation of independent underwriters shall be satisfied
 - (i) on a tranche-by-tranche basis for a distribution other than an MTN program or other continuous distribution, or
 - (ii) on the basis of the total dollar amount of securities that, at any given time, have been or are being distributed under the program or distribution for a distribution of securities under an MTN program or other continuous distribution; and
- (b) concerning disclosure, to the extent not previously satisfied in the base shelf prospectus, shall be satisfied by including the prescribed disclosure in a shelf prospectus supplement pertaining to the distribution.

6.6 Market Stabilization - The stabilization provisions shall be satisfied on a tranche-by-tranche basis for a non-continuous distribution of securities under a base shelf prospectus.

6.7 Delivery Requirement - The shelf prospectus supplement or supplements that, together with the corresponding base shelf prospectus, contain full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities being distributed **and, in Québec, contain no misrepresentation that is likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed,** shall be sent by prepaid mail or delivered to a purchaser of the securities with the base shelf prospectus.

PART 7 SHELF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

7.1 General - The provisions of ~~National Instrument~~ NI 44-101 requiring the filing of supporting documents with a preliminary short form prospectus, a short form prospectus or a prospectus amendment ~~do not~~ apply to a filing of a preliminary base shelf prospectus, a base shelf prospectus or an amendment to a preliminary base shelf prospectus or to a base shelf prospectus, except to the extent varied in this Part.

7.2 Consents

- (1) If any solicitor, auditor, accountant, engineer or appraiser, or any other person or company whose profession gives authority to a statement made by that person or company, is
 - (a) named in a document that is
 - (i) incorporated by reference into a base shelf prospectus, and
 - (ii) filed after the date of filing of the base shelf prospectus; and
 - (b) named in the document as having prepared or certified
 - (i) any part of the base shelf prospectus, amendment or shelf prospectus supplement, or
 - (ii) a report or valuation referred to in the base shelf prospectus or shelf prospectus supplement, either directly or in a document incorporated by reference,

the issuer shall file the written consent of the person or company to being named and to ~~that use of the~~ the use of that report or valuation in accordance with subsection (2).

- (2) A consent of an expert required under subsection (1) shall be filed in accordance with the following:
 1. If the document in which the expert is named is incorporated by reference into the base shelf prospectus by means of a statement to that effect in the base shelf prospectus, the consent shall be filed
 - (a) no later than the time the document is filed, if the base shelf prospectus establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution; and
 - (b) in all other circumstances, no later than the time of the next filing of a shelf prospectus supplement corresponding to the base shelf prospectus.

2. If the document in which the expert is named is incorporated by reference into a shelf prospectus supplement by means of a statement to that effect in the shelf prospectus supplement and filed before or concurrently with the shelf prospectus supplement, the consent shall be filed no later than the time the shelf prospectus supplement is filed.
3. If the document in which the expert is named is incorporated by reference into a shelf prospectus supplement by means of a statement to that effect in the shelf prospectus supplement and filed after the shelf prospectus supplement is filed, the consent shall be filed no later than the time the document is filed.

7.3 ~~Auditor's Comfort Letters [Repealed]~~ ~~An auditor's comfort letter for unaudited financial statements incorporated by reference into a base shelf prospectus but filed after the date of filing of the base shelf prospectus shall be filed~~

- (a) ~~concurrently with the unaudited financial statements, if the base shelf prospectus establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution; and~~
- (b) ~~in all other circumstances, no later than the time of the next filing of a shelf prospectus supplement corresponding to the base shelf prospectus.~~

7.4 Underwriting Agreements

- (1) If, at the time an issuer files a base shelf prospectus, no underwriter is in a contractual relationship with the issuer or selling security holder requiring the underwriter to distribute securities under the base shelf prospectus, the issuer is not required to file a copy of an underwriting agreement with the base shelf prospectus.
- (2) If an underwriter enters into a contractual relationship with an issuer or selling security holder requiring the underwriter to distribute securities under a base shelf prospectus after the base shelf prospectus is filed, the issuer shall file a copy of the underwriting agreement pertaining to the distribution concurrently with the next shelf prospectus supplement filed pertaining to that distribution.

PART 8 MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMS AND OTHER CONTINUOUS DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER SHELF

8.1 General - An issuer that is qualified under Part 2 to file a base shelf prospectus for securities may distribute those securities by way of an MTN program or other continuous distribution, if it files

- (a) a base shelf prospectus or a shelf prospectus supplement that establishes the program or distribution; and

- (b) a pricing supplement.

8.2 Additional Disclosure Requirements

- (1) Despite section ~~5.5~~5.6, a base shelf prospectus or shelf prospectus supplement that establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution shall contain the following:
 - 1. A description of the method of distribution, including the name of any underwriter involved in the distribution and the amount of any underwriting fee, discount or commission.
 - 2. A description of the intended parameters of the terms of the MTN program or other continuous distribution.
 - 3. At the option of the issuer or selling security holder proposing to distribute securities under the MTN program or other continuous distribution, a statement that the issuer or selling security holder, as the case may be, reserves the right to issue securities under the MTN program or other continuous distribution on terms outside the intended parameters disclosed under paragraph 2.
- (2) A pricing supplement for an MTN program or other continuous distribution under the shelf procedures shall contain the following:
 - 1. The terms of the securities distributed that are not disclosed in the base shelf prospectus or shelf prospectus supplement establishing the MTN program or other continuous distribution.
 - 2. A list of each document that is incorporated by reference into the corresponding base shelf prospectus as of the date of the pricing supplement and that provides disclosure pertaining to the securities being distributed under the MTN program or other continuous distribution.

8.3 Filing Requirement - If an issuer sends or delivers to a purchaser or a prospective purchaser in the local jurisdiction a pricing supplement in a particular month, the issuer shall, despite section 6.4, file within seven days after the end of the month

- (a) a copy of each pricing supplement sent or delivered to a purchaser or prospective purchaser during the month, if the pricing supplement had not previously been sent or delivered to any purchaser or prospective purchaser; or
- (b) a summary of the information contained in each pricing supplement sent or delivered to a purchaser or prospective purchaser during the month, including
 - (i) a list of the pricing supplements referred to in paragraph (a),

- (ii) the terms of the securities distributed under each pricing supplement sent or delivered to a purchaser or a prospective purchaser during the month, and
- (iii) the aggregate amount of securities distributed under each pricing supplement sent or delivered to a purchaser or a prospective purchaser during the month.

8.4 Requirement to Update Earnings Coverage Ratios - An issuer distributing securities by way of an MTN program or other continuous distribution using the shelf procedures shall

- (a) calculate updated earnings coverage ratios for the ratios contained in its base shelf prospectus each time the issuer prepares interim or audited annual financial statements, using the 12 month period that ended on the last day of the most recently completed financial period; and
- (b) file the updated earnings coverage ratios, concurrently with the filing of its financial statements, either
 - (i) as an exhibit to the financial statements, or
 - (ii) as a shelf prospectus supplement corresponding to the base shelf prospectus.

PART 9 AT-THE-MARKET DISTRIBUTIONS OF EQUITY SECURITIES UNDER SHELF

9.1 At-the-Market Distributions of Equity Securities Under Shelf

- (1) Despite section ~~11.16.1~~ of ~~National Instrument~~ NI 44-101, equity securities may be distributed by way of an at-the-market distribution using the shelf procedures if the market value of equity securities distributed does not exceed 10 percent of the aggregate market value of the issuer's outstanding equity securities of the same class as the class of securities distributed, calculated in accordance with section ~~2.92.8~~ of ~~National Instrument~~ NI 44-101, as at the last trading day of the month before the month in which the first trade under the at-the-market distribution is made.
- (2) No underwriter or dealer distributing equity securities by way of an at-the-market distribution, or any affiliate of such an underwriter or dealer, or any person or company acting jointly or in concert with such an underwriter or dealer, shall, in connection with the distribution, over-allot the securities or effect a transaction that is intended to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities.
- (3) An issuer shall include in a base shelf prospectus or shelf prospectus supplement pertaining to an at-the-market distribution a statement that no

underwriter or dealer involved in the distribution, no affiliate of such an underwriter or dealer and no person or company acting jointly or in concert with such an underwriter or dealer has over-allotted, or will over-allot, securities in connection with the distribution or effect any other transactions that are intended to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities.

PART 10 ~~TRANSITIONAL SHELF PROCEDURES~~[REPEALED]

~~10.1~~ Transitional Shelf Procedures

- ~~(1) A receipt issued for a shelf prospectus filed under National Policy Statement No. 44 is a receipt for the purposes of a base shelf prospectus under this Instrument.~~
- ~~(2) A preliminary shelf prospectus filed under National Policy Statement No. 44 is a preliminary base shelf prospectus under this Instrument.~~
- ~~(3) A receipt issued for a shelf prospectus filed under National Policy Statement No. 44 before National Instrument 44-101 came into force shall expire~~
 - ~~(a) if the issuer relied on section 4.1 or 4.4 of National Policy Statement No. 47 or section 164 or 168 of the Regulation Concerning Securities (Québec) to be qualified to file the shelf prospectus, at the time specified in section 2.2 of this Instrument;~~
 - ~~(b) if the issuer relied on section 4.2 of National Policy Statement No. 47 or an exemption granted under the Securities Act (Québec) to be qualified to file the shelf prospectus, at the time specified in section 2.3 of this Instrument;~~
 - ~~(c) if the issuer relied on paragraph 4.3(1)(a) of National Policy Statement No. 47 or section 165 of the Regulation Concerning Securities (Québec) to be qualified to file the shelf prospectus, at the time specified in section 2.4 of this Instrument;~~
 - ~~(d) if the issuer relied on paragraph 4.3(1)(b) of National Policy Statement No. 47 or section 166 of the Regulation Concerning Securities (Québec) to be qualified to file the shelf prospectus, at the time specified in section 2.5 of this Instrument; and~~
 - ~~(e) if the issuer relied on subsection 4.3(2) of National Policy Statement No. 47 or an exemption granted under the Securities Act (Québec) to be qualified to file the shelf prospectus, at the time specified in section 2.6 of this Instrument.~~

PART 11 EXEMPTIONS

11.1 Exemption

- (1) The regulator or the securities regulatory authority may grant an exemption from this Instrument, in whole or in part, subject to such conditions or restrictions as may be imposed in the exemption.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), in Ontario ~~and Alberta,~~ only the regulator may grant such an exemption.
- (3) An application made to the securities regulatory authority or regulator for an exemption from this Instrument shall include a letter or memorandum describing the matters relating to the exemption, and indicating why consideration should be given to the granting of the exemption.

11.2 Evidence of Exemption

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and without limiting the manner in which an exemption under this Part may be evidenced, the granting under this Part of an exemption, other than an exemption, in whole or in part from Part 2, may be evidenced by the issuance of a receipt for a base shelf prospectus or an amendment to a base shelf prospectus.
- (2) An exemption under this Part may be evidenced in the manner set out in subsection (1) only if
 - (a) the person or company that sought the exemption
 - (i) sent to the regulator the letter or memorandum referred to in subsection 11.1(3) on or before the date of filing of the preliminary base shelf prospectus, or
 - (ii) sent to the regulator the letter or memorandum referred to in subsection 11.1(3) after the date of filing of the preliminary base shelf prospectus and received a written acknowledgement from the regulator that the exemption may be evidenced in the manner set out in subsection (1); and
 - (b) the regulator has not before, or concurrently with, the issuance of the receipt, sent to the person or company that sought the exemption notice that the exemption sought can not be evidenced in the manner set out in subsection (1).

PART 12 EFFECTIVE DATE

- 12.1 Effective Date** - This Instrument shall come into force on December 31, 2000.

NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 44-102
SHELF DISTRIBUTIONS
APPENDIX A
METHOD 1 FOR SHELF PROSPECTUS CERTIFICATES

METHOD 1: FORWARD LOOKING CERTIFICATES TO BE INCLUDED IN BASE SHELF PROSPECTUSES OR SUPPLEMENTS ESTABLISHING AN MTN PROGRAM OR OTHER CONTINUOUS DISTRIBUTION

PART 1 BASE SHELF PROSPECTUSES

1.1 Certificate of Issuer and Promoter - If a base shelf prospectus establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution, or if method 2 has not been elected by an issuer, the preliminary base shelf prospectus and the base shelf prospectus shall contain a certificate in the following form signed by

- (a) the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of the issuer or, if no such officers have been appointed, a person acting on behalf of the issuer in a capacity similar to that of a chief executive officer and a person acting on behalf of the issuer in a capacity similar to that of a chief financial officer;
- (b) on behalf of the board of directors of the issuer, any two directors of the issuer, other than the persons referred to in paragraph (a), duly authorized to sign; and
- (c) any person or company who is a promoter of the issuer:

"This short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in this prospectus by reference, will, as of the date of the last supplement to this prospectus relating to the securities offered by this prospectus and the supplement(s), constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by this prospectus and the supplement(s) as required by the securities legislation of [insert name of each jurisdiction in which qualified] [insert if distribution made in Quebec---"and will not contain any misrepresentation likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed"]".

1.2 Underwriters' Certificates - A preliminary base shelf prospectus and a base shelf prospectus shall contain an underwriter's certificate in the following form signed by each underwriter who, at the time of filing, is, or it is known will be, in a contractual relationship with the issuer for the securities to be distributed under the base shelf prospectus, if

- (a) the base shelf prospectus establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution; or

- (b) method 2 has not been elected by the underwriter:

"To the best of our knowledge, information and belief, this short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in this prospectus by reference will, as of the date of the last supplement to this prospectus relating to the securities offered by this prospectus and the supplement(s), constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by this prospectus and the supplement(s) as required by the securities legislation of [insert name of each jurisdiction in which qualified] [insert if distribution made in Quebec---"and will not contain any misrepresentation likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed"]."

1.3 Credit Supporter's Certificate - A preliminary base shelf prospectus and a base shelf prospectus shall contain a certificate in the form described in section 1.1 signed by a credit supporter of the securities to be distributed under the base shelf prospectus, if

- (a) ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101 requires a prospectus certificate of the credit supporter; and
- (b) either
- (i) the base shelf prospectus establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution, or
- (ii) method 2 has not been elected by the credit supporter.

1.4 Amendments

- (1) An amendment to a base shelf prospectus or an amended and restated base shelf prospectus shall, subject to subsection (2), contain
- (a) the certificates required under section 1.1 to be included in a base shelf prospectus, if the base shelf prospectus contains an issuer's certificate in the form described in section 1.1;
- (b) the certificates required under section 1.2 to be included in a base shelf prospectus, if the base shelf prospectus contains an underwriter's certificate in the form described in section 1.2; and
- (c) the certificate required under section 1.3 to be included in a base shelf prospectus, if the base shelf prospectus contains a credit supporter's certificate in the form described in section 1.3.

- (2) In each certificate required under subsection (1), the reference to "this short form prospectus" shall be omitted and replaced by
- (a) in the case of an amendment to a base shelf prospectus, "the short form prospectus dated [insert date] as amended by this amendment"; and
 - (b) in the case of an amended and restated base shelf prospectus, "this amended and restated short form prospectus".

PART 2 SHELF PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENTS ESTABLISHING AN MTN PROGRAM

2.1 Certificate of Issuer and Promoter - If an issuer's certificate in the form described in section 1.1 was not included in the corresponding base shelf prospectus, a shelf prospectus supplement that establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution shall contain a certificate in the following form signed by

- (a) the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of the issuer or, if no such officers have been appointed, a person acting on behalf of the issuer in a capacity similar to that of a chief executive officer and a person acting on behalf of the issuer in a capacity similar to that of a chief financial officer;
- (b) on behalf of the board of directors of the issuer, any two directors of the issuer, other than the persons referred to in paragraph (a), duly authorized to sign; and
- (c) any person or company who is a promoter of the issuer:

"The short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in the prospectus by reference, as supplemented by the foregoing, will, as of the date of the last supplement to the prospectus relating to the securities offered by the prospectus and the supplement(s), constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the prospectus and the supplement(s) as required by the securities legislation of [insert name of each jurisdiction in which qualified] [insert if distribution made in Quebec---"and will not contain any misrepresentation likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed"]."

2.2 Underwriters' Certificates - A shelf prospectus supplement that establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution shall contain a certificate in the following form signed by each underwriter who

- (a) is in a contractual relationship with the issuer for the securities being distributed under the shelf prospectus supplement; and

- (b) did not sign and include in the corresponding base shelf prospectus a certificate in the form described in section 1.2:

"To the best of our knowledge, information and belief, the short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in the prospectus by reference, as supplemented by the foregoing, will, as of the date of the last supplement to the prospectus relating to the securities offered by the prospectus and the supplement(s), constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the prospectus and the supplement as required by the securities legislation of [insert name of jurisdiction in which qualified] [insert if distribution made in Quebec--- "and will not contain any misrepresentation likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed"]".

2.3 Credit Supporter's Certificate - A shelf prospectus supplement that establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution shall contain a certificate in the form described in section 2.1 signed by a credit supporter of the securities being distributed under the shelf prospectus supplement, if

- (a) ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101 requires a prospectus certificate of the credit supporter; and
- (b) a prospectus certificate of the credit supporter in the form described in section 1.3 was not included in the corresponding base shelf prospectus.

2.4 Amendments

- (1) An amendment to a shelf prospectus supplement or an amended and restated shelf prospectus supplement that establishes an MTN program or other continuous distribution shall, subject to subsection (2), contain
- (a) the certificates required under section 2.1 to be included in a shelf prospectus supplement, if the shelf prospectus supplement contains an issuer's certificate in the form described in section 2.1;
- (b) the certificates required under section 2.2 to be included in a shelf prospectus supplement, if the shelf prospectus supplement contains an underwriter's certificate in the form described in section 2.2; and
- (c) the certificate required under section 2.3 to be included in a shelf prospectus supplement, if the shelf prospectus supplement contains a credit supporter's certificate in the form described in section 2.3.
- (2) In each certificate required under subsection (1), the reference to "this shelf prospectus supplement" shall be omitted and replaced by

- (a) in the case of an amendment to a shelf prospectus supplement, "the shelf prospectus supplement dated [insert date] as amended by this amendment"; and
- (b) in the case of an amended and restated shelf prospectus supplement, "this amended and restated shelf prospectus supplement".

**NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 44-102
SHELF DISTRIBUTIONS
APPENDIX B
METHOD 2 FOR SHELF PROSPECTUS CERTIFICATES**

METHOD 2: NON-FORWARD LOOKING PROSPECTUS CERTIFICATES TO BE INCLUDED IN BOTH BASE SHELF PROSPECTUSES AND SUPPLEMENTS

PART 1 BASE SHELF PROSPECTUS

1.1 Certificate of Issuer and Promoter - If method 2 is elected by an issuer, a preliminary base shelf prospectus and a base shelf prospectus shall contain a certificate in the following form signed by

- (a) the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of the issuer or, if no such officers have been appointed, a person acting on behalf of the issuer in a capacity similar to that of a chief executive officer and a person acting on behalf of the issuer in a capacity similar to that of a chief financial officer;
- (b) on behalf of the board of directors of the issuer, any two directors of the issuer, other than the persons referred to in paragraph (a), duly authorized to sign; and
- (c) any person or company who is a promoter of the issuer:

"This short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in this prospectus by reference, constitutes full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by this prospectus as required by the securities legislation of [insert name of each jurisdiction in which qualified] [insert if distribution made in Quebec---"and does not contain any misrepresentation likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed"]".

1.2 Underwriters' Certificates - A preliminary base shelf prospectus and a base shelf prospectus shall contain an underwriter's certificate in the following form signed by each underwriter who

- (a) at the time of filing, is, or it is known will be, in a contractual relationship with the issuer for the securities to be distributed under the base shelf prospectus; and
- (b) elects method 2:

"To the best of our knowledge, information and belief, the short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in the prospectus by reference, constitutes full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by this prospectus as required by the securities legislation of [insert name of each jurisdiction in which qualified] [insert if distribution made in Quebec - "and does not contain any misrepresentation likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed"]".

1.3 Credit Supporter's Certificate - A base shelf prospectus shall contain a certificate in the form described in section 1.1 signed by a credit supporter of the securities to be distributed under the base shelf prospectus, if

- (a) ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101 requires a prospectus certificate of the credit supporter; and
- (b) method 2 is elected by the credit supporter.

1.4 Amendments

- (1) An amendment to a base shelf prospectus or an amended and restated base shelf prospectus shall, subject to subsection (2), contain
 - (a) the certificates required under section 1.1 to be included in a base shelf prospectus, if the issuer has elected method 2;
 - (b) the certificate described in section 1.2 signed by each underwriter who
 - (i) at the time of filing the amendment or the amended and restated base shelf prospectus, is, or it is known will be, in a contractual relationship with the issuer for the securities to be distributed under the base shelf prospectus, and
 - (ii) has elected method 2; and
 - (c) the certificate required under section 1.3 to be included in a base shelf prospectus, if the base shelf prospectus contains a credit supporter's certificate in the form described in section 1.3.
- (2) In each certificate required under subsection (1), the reference to "this short form prospectus" shall be omitted and replaced by
 - (a) in the case of an amendment to a base shelf prospectus, "the short form prospectus dated [insert date] as amended by this amendment"; and

- (b) in the case of an amended and restated base shelf prospectus, "this amended and restated short form prospectus".

PART 2 SHELF PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

2.1 Certificate of Issuer and Promoter - If method 2 is elected by an issuer, each shelf prospectus supplement shall contain a certificate in the following form signed by

- (a) the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of the issuer or, if no such officers have been appointed, a person acting on behalf of the issuer in a capacity similar to that of a chief executive officer and a person acting in a capacity similar to that of a chief financial officer;
- (b) on behalf of the board of directors of the issuer, any two directors of the issuer, other than the persons referred to in paragraph (a) duly authorized to sign; and
- (c) any person or company who is a promoter of the issuer:

"The short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in the prospectus by reference, as supplemented by the foregoing, constitutes full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the prospectus and this supplement as required by the securities legislation of [insert name of each jurisdiction in which qualified] [insert if distribution made in Quebec---"and does not contain any misrepresentation likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed"]."

2.2 Underwriters' Certificates - Each shelf prospectus supplement shall contain a certificate in the following form signed by each underwriter who

- (a) is in a contractual relationship with the issuer for the securities being distributed under the supplement; and
- (b) has elected method 2:

"To the best of our knowledge, information and belief, the short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in the prospectus by reference, as supplemented by the foregoing, constitutes full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the prospectus and this supplement as required by the securities legislation of [insert name of each jurisdiction in which qualified] [insert if distribution made in Quebec - "and does not contain any misrepresentation likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed"]."

2.3 Credit Supporter's Certificate - Each shelf prospectus supplement shall contain a certificate in the form described in section 2.1 signed by a credit supporter of the securities being distributed under the shelf prospectus supplement, if

- (a) ~~National Instrument~~NI 44-101 requires a prospectus certificate of the credit supporter; and
- (b) method 2 is elected by the credit supporter.

2.4 Amendments

- (1) An amendment to a shelf prospectus supplement or an amended and restated shelf prospectus supplement shall, subject to subsection (2), contain
 - (a) the certificates required under section 2.1 to be included in a shelf prospectus supplement, if the shelf prospectus supplement contains an issuer's certificate in the form described in section 2.1;
 - (b) the certificate described in section 2.2 signed by each underwriter who
 - (i) at the time of filing the amendment or the amended and restated shelf prospectus supplement, is in a contractual relationship with the issuer for the securities being distributed under the shelf prospectus supplement, and
 - (ii) has elected method 2; and
 - (c) the certificate required under section 2.3 to be included in a shelf prospectus supplement, if the shelf prospectus supplement contains a credit supporter's certificate in the form described in section 2.3.
- (2) In each certificate required under subsection (1), the reference to "this shelf prospectus supplement" shall be omitted and replaced by
 - (a) in the case of an amendment to a shelf prospectus supplement, "the shelf prospectus supplement dated [insert date] as amended by this amendment"; and
 - (b) in the case of an amended and restated shelf prospectus supplement, "this amended and restated shelf prospectus supplement".